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Attached is a **PROPOSED RESPONSE** for discussion at our interview scheduled for Wednesday, July 26th, at 10:00 a.m.

Please call if you have any questions concerning the proposed response.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **May 12, 2006**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.